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SUBJECT: EXERCISE "DAWN PATROL 77" : TURKISH RESERVATION ON
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REF: (A) USNATO 2028 (DTG 071805Z APR 77)
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1. THE TURKSIH REP ON THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE
(MBC) HAS CIRCULATED A LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE
MBC EXPLAINING THE REASON HIS AUTHORITIES RESERVED ON
APPROVING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES FOR
EXERCISE "DAWN PATROL77" DURING THE APRIL 6 MBC
MEETING (REF A). THE TURKSIH AUTHORITIES ARE
APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT THE EXERCISE HAS BEEN
MODIFIED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF GREEK OBJECTIONS TO
A DRAFT NOTAM DELINEATING TWO AIR EXERCISE
AREAS ("I" AND "M") THAT APPROACH WITHIN 10

MILES OF GREEK ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN (REFS B AND C). THE TURKS TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEY WILL NOT DROP THEIR RESERVATION ON APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE EXERCISE AS LONG AS AIR EXERCISE AREAS "I" AND "M" ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE EXERCISE.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS HEADQUARTERS THE DATE AFTER WHICH "DAWN PATROL 77" MIGHT HAVE TO BE CANCELLED IF THIS IMPASSE IS NOT RESOLVED; HOWEVER, WE DO NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE ON THE EXERCISE IS SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED APRIL 20 (REF D).

3. BEGIN TEXT OF TURKISH LETTER:

I SHOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH CONSTITUTES THE BASIS OF OUR POSITION WHICH LED TO THE RESERVATION WE HAD ON THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE NATO EXERCISE DAWN PATROL '77:

1) AS IS KNOWN DAWN PATROL IS A NATO LIVE EXERCISE INVOLVING AIR AND NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE AEGEAN SEA AREAS.

2) THE DRAFT NOTAM KNOTICE TO AIRMEN) (DOCUMENT AC/92- WP/173) COVERING THE AIRSPACE WITHIN WHICH THE EXERCISE WAS AIMED TO TAKE PLACE WAS DRAWN UP AT COMAIRSOUTH HEADQUARTERS. IT WAS COORDINATED IN A MEETING, IN ROME, ON 9TH MARCH, 1977 OF CONFIDENTIAL

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A WORKING GROUP OF CEAC (COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN AIRSPACE COOPERATION). ITALY, FRANCE, GREECE, TURKEY, COMAIRSOUTH AND THE CEAC SECRETARIAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS MEETING.

3) AT THE MEETING, THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THE DELINEATION OF TWO AIR EXERCISE AREAS: (I) AND (M) CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT NOTAM WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HIS AUTHORITIES. EQUALLY THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT ANY CHANGES WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT NOTAM AS A WHOLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS. THEREFORE AN IMPASSE WAS REACHED AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COMAIRSOUTH WOULD PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

4) THE TWO AREAS (I) AND (M) ARE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN SEA AND ARE THEREBY NOT OVER THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF ANY COUNTRY BORDERING THAT SEA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE FREEDOM WHICH PERTAINS TO BOTH THE OPEN SEAS AND THE AIRSPACE OVER THEM. HOWEVER THE GREEK AUTHORITIES (BOTH LONG BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR SECESSION FROM THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMAND STRUCTURE) HAVE CONSISTENTLY ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK NATO EXERCISES IN THE AEGEAN SEA IN SUCH AREAS OR SUCCEEDED IN SHIFTING THE EXERCISE AREAS TO POSITIONS WHERE THE DESIRED ALLIED BENEFITS FROM THE EXERCISES WERE SUBSTANTIALLY CURTAILED.

5) IN THE PAST FEW YEARS GREECE, REFERRING TO A ROYAL DECREE DATED 1931, CLAIMS THAT ALTHOUGH THE EXTENT OF HERE TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN SEA IS SET AT 6 MILES, HER

AIRSPACE EXTENDS FOR ANOTHER 4 MILES FROM THE LIMIT OF HERE
TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THUS BECOMES 10 MILES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE DECREE IN QUESTION. THIS UNILATERAL CLAIM APPARENTLY SEEMS
TO BE THE REASON FOR THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE'S REFUSAL TO
ACCEPT "THE DELINEATION" OF AREAS (I) AND (M) AT THE ROME MEETING,
AS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH (3) ABOVE.

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6) ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE ICAO CONVENTION OF
1944 STIPULATES THAT SOVEREIGN AIRSPACE WOULD HAVE THE SAME
LIMITS AS THOSE OF TERRITORIAL WATERS. GREECE IS ALSO
A SIGNATORY OF THIS CONVENTION. THEREFORE, THE GREEK CLAIMS FOR
10 MILES OF SOVEREIGN AIRSPACE BOUNDARIES IS NOT ONLY NOT RECOG-
NIZED IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THUS UNILATERAL, BUT ALSO THEY
HAVE BEEN REFUSED BY NATO IN THE PAST WHEN GREECE HAD AGAIN
RAISED IT ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATO EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS IN
1975, WHICH WENT AHEAD AS WAS ORIGINALLY DRAWN UP RESPECTING ONLY
6 MILES OF GREEK AIRSPACE IN THE AEGEAN SEA.
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7) IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING TURKEY HAD TO
IMPOSE THE RESERVATION ON THE ALLOCATION OF NATO FUNDS FOR THE

EXERCISE DAWN PATROL '77.

8) THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE RESOLVED TO
MAINTAIN THIS RESERVATION AS LONG AS THE AREAS (I) AND (M) ARE
NOT INCLUDED IN THE EXERCISE DAWN PATROL '77, IN FULL COMPLIANCE
WITH BOTH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PAST NATO PRACTICES, AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS EXECUTION.

I AM CIRCULATING THIS LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF
THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE.
END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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